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Second. That from and after August 23, 1899, importations to Greece from Calcutta, Bombay, and the Persian Gulf, are strictly prohibited.

Respectfully, yours,

DANIEL E. MCGINLEY,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

ITALY.

Weekly report from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, *September 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended September 13, 1899, bills of health were issued to the following ships:

September 8, to the steamship *Aller* of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 646 steerage and 68 cabin passengers. The following cases were rejected: Poor physique, 4; trachoma, 3; lameness, 2; scabies, 2; blindness, 1. There were also inspected 750 pieces of small and 262 pieces of large baggage.

September 11, the steamship *Trojan Prince* of the Prince Line bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 693 steerage and 9 cabin passengers and 727 small pieces and 190 pieces of large baggage. The steamship *Karamania* of the Anchor Line bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 587 steerage passengers and 452 pieces of small and 115 pieces of large baggage. One case was diagnosed measles; the steamship company on my advice refused to embark the same. The Italian bark *Fabio* bound in sand ballast for Pensacola, Fla. The British steamship *Kartoum* bound in water ballast for Galveston, Tex. The British steamship *Barry* bound in water ballast for Savannah, Ga.

September 12, the steamship *Massilia* of the Fabre Line bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 592 steerage and 1 cabin passengers, and 481 pieces of small and 196 pieces of large baggage.

Respectfully, yours,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Typhus fever in Naples—Suspected plague on steamship San Gottardo.

NAPLES, ITALY, *September 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that for the week ended September 16 there have been no further cases of typhus fever reported.

Of the 3 cases that were reported last week 1 has died, and the other 2 are not yet out of danger. Through the courtesy of the local officials I was permitted to see these cases. They were found well isolated in the Cotugno Hospital, which is the local hospital for contagious diseases. About the diagnosis, there is not much doubt, nearly all the classical symptoms being present, including a well-marked eruption. I was assured that the houses in which the cases originated were disinfecting.

A few cases of typhus fever occur in Naples at intervals of several months. Seldom does more than 1 case make its appearance in the same locality, but it nearly always occurs in the overcrowded, ill ventilated and dirty houses, where poverty reigns supreme.